

House Study Bill 542

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to energy conservation standards included in the
2 state building code for new single-family or two-family
3 residential construction.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 5376DP 81
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1 1 Section 1. Section 103A.8A, Code 2005, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 103A.8A MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD.
1 4 The state building code commissioner shall adopt as a part
1 5 of the state building code a requirement that new single=
1 6 family or two=family residential construction shall ~~meet an~~
~~1 7 established minimum energy efficiency standard. The standard~~
~~1 8 shall be stated in terms of the home heating index developed~~
~~1 9 by the physics department at Iowa state university of science~~
~~1 10 and technology. The minimum standard shall be the average~~
~~1 11 energy consumption of new single=family or two=family~~
~~1 12 residential construction as determined by a survey conducted~~
~~1 13 by the department of natural resources of the average actual~~
~~1 14 energy consumption, as expressed in terms of the home heating~~
~~1 15 index comply with energy conservation requirements. The~~
~~1 16 requirements adopted by the commissioner shall be based upon a~~
~~1 17 nationally recognized standard or code for energy~~
~~1 18 conservation. The minimum standard requirements shall only~~
1 19 apply to single=family or two=family residential construction
1 20 commenced after the adoption of the ~~standard requirements.~~
1 21 This chapter shall not be construed to prohibit a governmental
1 22 subdivision from adopting or enacting a minimum energy
1 23 standard which is substantially in accordance and consistent
1 24 with ~~model~~ energy codes and standards developed by a
1 25 nationally recognized organization in effect on or after July
1 26 1, 2002. A governmental subdivision that adopts or enacts a
1 27 minimum energy standard which is substantially in accordance
1 28 and consistent with ~~model~~ energy codes and standards developed
1 29 by a nationally recognized organization shall adopt or enact
1 30 any update or revision to the ~~model~~ energy codes and
1 31 standards.

EXPLANATION

1 32
1 33 This bill relates to energy conservation standards included
1 34 in the state building code for new single=family or two=family
1 35 residential construction. The bill requires the state
2 1 building code commissioner to adopt energy conservation
2 2 requirements based upon a nationally recognized standard or
2 3 code for energy conservation. Currently, the minimum energy
2 4 efficiency standard is used for new single=family or two=
2 5 family residential construction and is stated in terms of the
2 6 home heating index.
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